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Chiang's Grim Warning To Top Generals

"The Hour Of Decision"

Nanking, Mar. 18.
Government troops stormed back into Loyang as Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek called on his military chieftains to reverse the tottering fortunes of war in Central China.
"The military situation in the entire Central China has reached the hour of decision in our efforts to put down the rebellion," Generalissimo Chiang told the Governors of half a dozen Central China provinces and high-ranking Nationalist generals. "Unless an all-out effort is made to turn the tide of war, Central China, the last reservoir of Kuomintang power faces complete collapse."

Japanese Adviser To Soong

Shanghai, Mar. 18.
Takeki Horiuchi, first Japanese adviser to the Chinese Government since the end of the war, left by air for Hainan Island today, according to Chinese press reports.
The purpose of the trip is believed to be the investigation of mining possibilities on the island.
Horiuchi, who was the new Japanese Consul in Shanghai, is now serving in the capacity of adviser to the Kwangtung Governor, Dr. T. V. Soong.—Reuter.

NOVEL RAIDS ON THE COAST

Shanghai, Mar. 18.
Navigation in the China Sea is being endangered by continuing raids on lighthouses from Ningpo to Tsingtao for kerosene and food supplies, according to the China Press today.

The latest raid was carried out on Steep Island, some 180 miles from Shanghai, in the southern approaches to the Yangtze Estuary.
Six armed men from a small pirate junk landed on the reef, firing shots without causing any casualties. They got hold of and beat up the keeper and his wife, and finally made off with 74 tins of kerosene and some personal effects.

A day earlier, the lighthouse on Elkar Island, 100 miles from Shanghai, was visited by a small open junk, from which five pirates landed, locked up the staff and their families in a storeroom and made off with 36 tins of kerosene, plus all the food and other provisions.

Altogether five such raids have been carried out by pirates since last November. In each case, the pirates before leaving ordered the keepers to keep the lights burning, otherwise they would return and massacre everybody.—Reuter.

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DON'T WASTE WATER!



...and this picture, taken at Shing Mun yesterday, graphically illustrates the reason why.—"China Mail" Photo.

CHINESE SHIPYARDS TOLD TO QUIT

Chinese shipyards at Cheungshawan, between Shamshuipo and Laichikok, have been given official notice to move out of the area within three months, the "China Mail" learned last night.

Government has resumed the land, about 400,000 square feet, and has already published a notification that the land is to be sold by auction for industrial purposes.

The successful bidder for the land will have to spend \$4,000,000 in rateable improvements within two to three years, the "China Mail" learned yesterday.

Chinese shipyards have been occupying the land on a yearly lease from Government. Government's decision to resume the land is a result of applications from industrialists who wish to establish a large weaving and cotton spinning mill in the area.

Of the 23 shipyards in Cheungshawan, 16 have received notices from the Public Works Department telling them to quit within three months.

Although no alternative sites were offered, the "China Mail" was officially told yesterday that Government will consider alternative sites suggested by the shipyards concerned.

The area, in addition to housing 23 shipyards, also contains many wooden shacks and mat-sheds used as copper works and timber yards. The latter have been given notice to quit within a month.

The shipyard owners concerned held a representative meeting yesterday to discuss the matter and make representations to the Government.

They claimed that if Government insists on their removal, their losses will amount to more than \$2,000,000 besides throwing more than 1,000 men out of work.

Among the pre-war plans for the development of Cheungshawan was one which called for extensive reclamation for lengthening Cheungshawan Road from the Shamshuipo Barracks to Laichikok Road.

Protest Rejected
Washington, Mar. 17.
The United States today rejected a Yugoslav protest against the presence of the former Regent of Hungary, Admiral Nicholas Horthy, at the wedding of an American official at Munich recently.

The Yugoslavs, who have asked for the extradition of the ex-Regent as a war criminal, were told by Mr. George Marshall, the Secretary of State, that the list of guests at a wedding is not a matter for representation.

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Truman Explains His Speech

The Issue Is "Tyranny Versus Freedom"

New York, Mar. 17.
President Truman today said he had asked Congress for a temporary revival of the draft law in order to give the United States the armed strength it needed as "principal protector of freedom in the world."

In a speech at the New York St. Patrick's Day banquet, the President hammered out a vigorous condemnation of Russian expansionist policies and a strong plea for popular support of the military preparedness programme which he had submitted to Congress a few hours earlier.

He warned that the American people in the year ahead may be called upon to assume the gravest risks in their history, but said the danger was thrust upon them by Russian Communism and it could not be sidestepped if the United States were to win the fight for peace.

"We must not be confused about the issue which confronts the world today," said Mr. Truman. "The issue is not old, recorded history. It is tyranny versus freedom."

He then explained his recommendation to Congress. "These recommendations have but one purpose," he said. "That purpose is to prevent war."

No Easy Answer
He admitted bleakly that there was no simple, easy answer to the existing world crisis and no way of foretelling where the present situation would lead.

"But I can express my firm conviction that at this moment, the faith and strength of the United States are mighty factors for the prevention of war and the establishment of peace. Our faith and strength must be unmistakably clear to the world."

Emergency Measure
President Truman said emphatically that he believed creation of a large pool of trained civilians through military training and selective service would play a big part in preserving peace. He reassured the nation that selective service under his proposals would be used only as an emergency measure until military training was set up and operating.

Mr. Truman reminded his audience soberly that the United States no longer could isolate itself behind the barriers of the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. "The swift flow of events had made our new role plainly evident. With few exceptions, our people now understand that the United States has become the principal protector of a free world. To carry out that responsibility, we must maintain our strength, military, economic and moral. We must join our strength with the strength of free men the world over who believe, as we do, in the liberty and justice and dignity of man."

Red Masquerade
He added that Communism was masquerading as a "decline of progress" to mask its "reaction" and its denial of human rights. "Everywhere Communism denies the very existence of God. Religion is persecuted because it stands for freedom under God. This threat to liberty and to our faith must be faced by each one of us."

"We will have to take risks during the coming year—risks perhaps greater than any this country has been called upon to assume. But they are not risks of our own making. We cannot make danger vanish by pretending it does not exist. Preparedness is not a danger."

Smugglers Battle Troops
A 20-minute battle between rice smugglers and troops occurred in Chinese territory near the Kwangtung-Kowloon border on Tuesday night, according to the Sing Tao Jih Pao from Shumshuipo.

The report said that more than 60 smugglers attempting to transport rice by coolies from the Tung Kun area were involved. The main body was preceded by 20 armed men.

The smugglers' gang was challenged by a Chinese army patrol near Wangmuk. Shots were exchanged. Troop reinforcements rushed from Shumshuipo dispersed the smugglers who escaped with their rice in the darkness after a 20-minute exchange of fire. Neither side suffered casualties.

M.P.'s Appeal Allowed
London, Mar. 17.
The Court of Criminal Appeal today allowed an appeal and quashed the conviction of the 47-year-old Labour Member of Parliament, Mr. David Weir, who was sentenced to 12 months' imprisonment and fined \$100 on a charge of conspiracy in connection with the supply of explosives.

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PICTURE OF THE DAY EXPENSIVE!



We mean the garment worn by Betty Grable in "Mother Wore Tights" which is being released in Hong Kong this week. It cost US\$785.

Shanghai \$ Rate Hits A New High

Shanghai, Mar. 18.
The United States dollar on Shanghai's black market today hit a new high of CN\$620,000, following yesterday's upward revision of the Central Bank of China's "open market" foreign exchange rates.

Gold bars gained CN\$8,000,000 in the past 24 hours and were quoted this evening at CN\$81,000,000 per ounce. The cross-rate between the United States dollar and gold bars has remained unchanged for the past three days at US\$86 per ounce.

On the stock market, Chinese shares slumped heavily this morning, owing to the lack of liquid funds but recovered in the afternoon. The tight money situation yesterday drove the black-market interest rate for Chinese dollars up to 40% per month—the highest postwar record—but dropped somewhat today to 33%.

The shortage of funds is attributed by brokers to the flight of capital from Shanghai to interior points, such as Canton and Chungking, where commodity prices have not yet experienced the recent heavy increases witnessed in Shanghai.—Reuter.

ADMIRAL AN OPTIMIST

San Diego, Calif., Mar. 18.
Admiral William Standley, wartime Ambassador to Russia, said today he fails to believe there is any chance of an immediate war between the United States and the Soviet Union.

He said: "Russia is not ready for war now and we would have to be provoked into one. I am confident Russia would have to commit an out-and-out violation of its treaty to go to war."—United Press.

The Weather

An extensive anti-cyclone covers China, Manchuria and Hokkaido where it is spreading. It takes the Pacific. Pressure is relatively high over the S. China Sea but weakens as it moves north. A cold front is moving north from the S. China Sea (44°N) through the Taiwan Strait (26°N), accompanied by overcast clouds.
Today's Forecast: Windy with strong S.W. wind. At night, overcast with periods of rain or drizzle.
Tomorrow's Weather: Maximum 72° F. Minimum 52° F. Partly cloudy with rain from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. and from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Wind S.W. 10 to 15 mph. Sea 1 to 2 miles high.
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RASC MEN CHARGED WITH THEFT OF 12 STEN GUNS

2-Foot Long Centipede

A giant centipede, almost two feet long, was caught and destroyed in the third floor kitchen of No. 80 Fuk Wa Street, Kowloon, on Tuesday.

The large insect was discovered near the fireplace and killed with a piece of firewood by one of the inmates of the flat.

Births, Deaths Bill To Be Amended

An Ordinance to amend the Births and Deaths Registration Ordinance of 1934 is to have its first reading in Legislative Council this afternoon.

Object of the Bill is:— To abolish the existing statutory right of any person to search indexes and register books kept in the General Register Office and in district registries irrespective of whether such searches relate to births or deaths and to substitute therefor a right for any person to require a registrar to cause a search to be made; and To forbid any person except a registrar and officers specially authorised by the Registrar General of Births and Deaths to conduct searches irrespective of whether such searches relate to births or deaths.

It is considered that by such procedure traffic in birth or death certificates for illegal purposes will be prevented without inconvenience to persons lawfully requiring such certificates.

Air Traffic Increases

Air traffic, cargo and passengers, continued on the upward trend in February, according to the Far Eastern Economic Review.

The number of aircraft calling here in February reached a record of 396 against the January figure of 384 and 373 machines in December 1947 (the record for last year).

A considerable increase in the weight of air mail, (19,248 kgs. in February against 17,004 kgs. in January) testifies to the fact that the public at large has been taking to the facilities offered by air mail, reports the Review.

January returns for Hong Kong were: passengers in and out 6,275 and 5,491 respectively; mail in out 8,029 and 8,975 kgs.; freight import and export 24.4 and 138.0 tons respectively.

Bought Gun For Self-Protection

An American returned farmer, 35-year-old Jow Jeong-on, told the Court that he was visiting his native village, Toishan, and brought the gun as self-protection.

Charged with possession of arms and ammunition, the Los Angeles farmer was fined \$750 by Mr. Latimer at Kowloon Magistrate's Court yesterday.

The 38 Luger and nine rounds of ammunition, seized during a routine search at the KCR Station at 9.45 p.m. last Wednesday, were confiscated.

Jow, who said he arrived here by the General Mails last week, stated that he bought the gun in Los Angeles two years ago and took it along for self-protection.

Inspector Orem, prosecuted.

Our international obligations to a neighbouring friendly country have been flouted and allegations might very well have arisen that the British Army was supplying arms to China," declared Mr. A. Lonsdale, Crown Counsel, at the Criminal Sessions yesterday, prosecuting R. S. Boul, H. J. Duckett, drivers, Cpl. H. Adamson and J. M. Alaraki, Civilian Clerk, all of the R.A.S.C., Whitfield Barracks, Kowloon.

All four accused, who appeared before Mr. Justice E. H. Williams (Chief Justice), were charged in connection with the theft of 12 Sten guns and 2,560 rounds of ammunition between Jan. 1 and 5.

Boul and Duckett pleaded guilty to charges of larceny by servant, possession of arms and possession of ammunition. Adamson pleaded guilty to charges of larceny by servant and possession of arms. Two other charges, larceny by servant and possession of ammunition against Adamson were withdrawn, the Crown offering no evidence. Alaraki, through his Counsel, pleaded guilty to two charges of larceny by servant. A third charge, misprision of felony, was withdrawn as the Crown offered no evidence.

Sentence on all accused will be passed at 10 today, Mr. Justice Williams having indicated that he would like to go through the depositions again.

Boul, Duckett and Adamson were not legally represented. Mr. D.A.L. Wright, instructed by Mr. M.A. da Silva, appeared on behalf of Alaraki.

Crown's Case

Outlining the facts of the case, Mr. Lonsdale said that Boul, by reason of his duties, was in possession of the key to the Store in which the Sten guns and ammunition were kept.

Boul, Duckett and Adamson were charged with conspiring with Duckett and Adamson to dispose, for their own gain, arms to which they had access through possession of the key. Adamson took part in the actual taking of the arms, as distinct from the ammunition. Alaraki was a civilian employee and acted as go-between and interpreter. The arms were taken out by a military vehicle to Customs Pass, where they were handed over to persons in a civilian vehicle.

Duckett continued throughout the whole transaction with Boul, but Duckett disassociated himself from the transaction subsequent to the removal of the Sten guns. From the evidence which would have been adduced, it would appear that Alaraki received very little out of the transaction. Referring to conditions in the Colony at the present moment, Mr. Lonsdale stressed the fact that the supply of 12 Sten guns and ammunition would be a serious matter if they were used in the Colony. The gravity of the offence was lessened very little even if the guns and ammunition were imported into China where, as was common knowledge, strife was going on.

Mr. Lonsdale said that our international obligations to a neighbouring friendly country have been flouted and allegations might very well have arisen that the British Army was supplying arms to China. Alaraki had furnished the names of the persons to whom the arms and ammunition were sold, but had not disclosed the destination.

Mitigation Plea

In a plea for mitigation on behalf of Alaraki, Mr. Wright said that Alaraki was 42 years of age and came from a very respectable local Indian family. In Dec. 1946, he worked as a storeman in the Naval Dockyard, where he had also worked before the war. He had no previous convictions. His wife and two children were dependent on him for their support.

Mr. Wright appealed to Mr. Justice Williams, when passing sentence, to take into account

the fact that Alaraki did not instigate the removal of the Sten guns and ammunition. He was not present at the removal of the arms and ammunition, nor was he present at the handing over to the Chinese. He merely acted as a go-between and interpreter and received only a meagre allotment out of the proceeds of sale. The total amount received was between \$135 and \$185. He was first dragged into the transactions on the basis that there was only a revolver belonging to Boul to be sold.

When Boul, Duckett and Adamson were asked by Mr. Justice Williams whether they wished to say anything, all three pleaded for leniency. Evidence as to character was given by Captain F. G. L. Beddock.

Ammunition Theft

Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday fixed Wednesday, March 31, for hearing of the case in which Li Yau (28) and Li Pak-chuen (35), two unemployed boatmen, are being charged with larceny of 244 boxes (80,796 rounds) of .38 ammunition and 480 rounds of .455 revolver ammunition at Stonecutters' Island on Feb. 9.

Defendants were formally remanded until tomorrow when Chung Ka-so (50) and his 17-year-old son Kwok Kam-tai, both of boat 1136V, will appear before the same Magistrate, on remand, charged with receiving (or, alternatively, possession of) two boxes (720 rounds) of .38 revolver ammunition on board their boat in the Yaumati Typhoon Shelter between Feb. 9 and March 7.

Det. Sub-Inspector W. B. Scragg will prosecute in both cases.

Ammunition Recovered

Thirty cases of .38 ammunition, part of the 244 cases stolen from a Royal Naval depot on Stonecutters' Island between Feb. 9 and Feb. 12 last, have been recovered from the harbour, the "China Mail" learned last night.

During the week, divers were sent down at a Japanese wreck off the southern side of Stonecutters' Island, and over a period of two days, 30 cases of ammunition were brought to the surface.

The underwater search at the wreck was abandoned yesterday.

Offered A Bribe

Chan Fai, 24-year-old shop-fork, wanted to do a "good turn" when he saw a fellow-fork arrested for dumping rubbish.

So he offered \$2.00, it was alleged, to Sanitary Department Coolie Fan Ming, to release him.

Chan was arrested for offering a bribe to a public servant. Both appeared before Mr. Blair-Herr at Kowloon Magistrate's Court yesterday. Chan was fined \$150 and Yim \$150 on their respective charges. Yim paid but Chan, who had no money, is now starting a two-month "isolation" in prison.

Chan Kwong alias Lam Wing who pleaded guilty to breach of a deportation order was yesterday sentenced by Mr. Justice E. H. Williams (Chief Justice), to three and a half years' hard labour.

"Flamboyant Insanity"

Gateshead, Mar. 17. Mr. Konni Zilliacus, Labour Member of Parliament, protested here tonight that the Government's decision to remove Communists from departments vital to security would lead to a purge reaching "ever giddier heights" of "flamboyant insanity."

The people of Britain should stop the whole sorry business in the name of decency and outraged common sense.

Mr. Zilliacus, who wants closer friendship with Russia, said there were only three possible explanations for the Government's anti-Communism: The Government was preparing for war on the Soviet Union, was obeying American orders, or had had "gone nuts."

—Reuter.

Loitered, Arrested, Gaoled

Some time around noon last Tuesday passersby in Soy Street, near the junction of Nathan Road, might have wondered why the three "gentlemen" gave them such a thorough look-over. Shop-forks would have thought the same at seeing the individuals peering intensely into their windows and lingering outside the doorways.

They aroused the suspicion of DPC 1075, who after keeping close observation, searched them, finding a small iron rod, hidden inside the waistband of Chan Ming, 20, who stated that it was used to break open doors. The other two said that they followed Chan to do some "picking." All three were promptly arrested and charged with loitering with intent, possession of an instrument fit for unlawful purpose and breach of deportation order.

At Kowloon Magistrate's Court yesterday, Inspector Orem detailed the incident to the Court when Chan, Lam Kel, 19, and Wong Ngau, 17, appeared before Mr. Latimer, in the dock.

Convicted by Mr. Latimer, Chan, with three previous convictions, was sentenced to six months' hard labour and recommended to be deported. Lam, with two previous convictions, and Wong, with four previous convictions, were each sentenced to 15 months' hard labour and to be re-deported.

Wanted A Free Suit

Had 24-year-old R.A.S.C. Depot sweeper, Cheung Chuen got away with the two pieces of khaki cloth tied around both thighs, he would have by now a free suit.

But Cheung, who was to have taken the cloth out, did not reckon on the vigilance of the gateman, who found the cloth, valued at \$40, neatly tied around the thighs. Cheung was arrested and handed over to Captain Squire, R.A., who reported to Police.

Inquiries by DPC 1160 and 977 revealed that Cheung received the cloth from Tang Ho-yin, 25-year-old coolie employed by the R.A.S.C. Depot, and was told to bring it out to make two suits, one for him (Tang) and one for himself.

Charged with larceny and receiving stolen property, Tang and Cheung were each sentenced to three months' hard labour respectively.

Readers' Letters

On Logic

Sir—Whereas modern science in legislation emphasises the principles of simplicity and clarity, the language of the proposed Debtor and Creditor Ordinance appears more difficult to comprehend than the Magna Carta.

What was the underlying motive of the framers? The Hon. A. Morris feared that the "debt" of the Singapore Bill, which is directly in conflict with international law, may be introduced here. He is right. The hidden idea is to protect those who amassed fortunes under the enemy, detrimental to the Allied cause.

Hong Kong has practically ratified all of the 5,000 occupation land deals upon the recommendation of the marvellous correspondence of the Law Society, Hong Kong, and by this new enactment is to legislate other investments of the Mikado's faithful servants.

Hong Kong is indeed a Paradise of Collaborators. One cent given to those who made good under the Japanese means that loyalists have to pay one cent for their being pro-Alled.

This logic is simpler than that two and two equals four. You cannot fool all the people all the time as Abraham Lincoln once pointed out. You may use obscure and technical phrases to keep ordinary citizens ignorant until too late for them to protest. But you cannot fool someone who suffered enough in the Kampei house of horror to understand what implications the new law will eventually lead to.

It will lead to the obligation of allied subjects to pay for the Japanese and their collaborators the loans and mortgages. It will force taxpayers to pay those traitors who made money under the terroristic enemy and who were wise enough to know beforehand that our legislators would love their enemy.

It will enrich those who amassed Hong Kong dollars under the enemy. If the proposed bill is enacted without revision you can guess who will be the winner in the coming war.

Are we the Witch-hunters? The Which is hunting us now as they did in the days of Co-prosperity.

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We all hope that it will not be very long until we see a change, and the Dawn of a better world, where all mankind can live in Peace.

Thank you again very much for the parcel, and I hope if it ever comes my way to be able to help anybody who comes from the Far East, I shall not fail to do so. This is not only a "Gift from Hong Kong," it is a Gift from God.

With all Good Wishes from my family and myself, I am, Sirs, Yours sincerely, (Signed) MRS. A. H. FORBES.

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With tears streaming down her cheeks and a baby crying in her arms, Cheung Si, married woman, pleaded to be dealt with leniently, stating that she had another baby of 14 months and a blind mother-in-law to support, when she appeared before Mr. F. X. d'Almeida at Central Magistrate's Court yesterday.

The woman was informed that a conviction would be registered against her, but she would have to sign a bond of \$250 to be of good behaviour for 12 months. Cheung, who was charged with selling fish without the authorisation of the Licensing Department outside a market, was fined \$100.

An Appeal

Sir—In launching an appeal for funds, the Executive Committee of the Aberdeen Industrial School realises that there is already a great strain on the generosity of everyone in meeting the extra calls which the exigencies of the times have made upon them. But they feel that their bounden duty to remind the residents of Hong Kong of the real distress, which this School is endeavouring to alleviate among the vast and neglected section of the Colony's children population.

For the information of those who are not well acquainted with our work, we should state that the Aberdeen Industrial School was established in 1935 and that the four hundred boys accommodated there are given board, lodging and elementary education and are trained to be tailors, shoemakers, electricians, carpenters or mechanics, so that they will be able to earn a living when they grow up. While a large number of the boys is received into the School free of charge, others are admitted at the request of their parents or guardians, who pay full or partial fees.

Although the school was first established through the efforts of Chinese philanthropists, the sum collected did not allow of the creation of an endowment fund for upkeep and maintenance, which have in years past been met by subsidies given by the Government and donations generously made by the public.

It is estimated that the sum of \$100,000 is required this year and we hope that we may again rely on the generosity of the public. Saturday, the 20th March, 1948, has been chosen as our "Flag Day". We are forwarding you a "Special Flower" as a token of our thanks for the generous donation which we hope you will make to our School. Donations should be sent to the Chairman of the Executive Committee, Aberdeen Industrial School, c/o the Tung Wah Hospital, and will be gratefully acknowledged.

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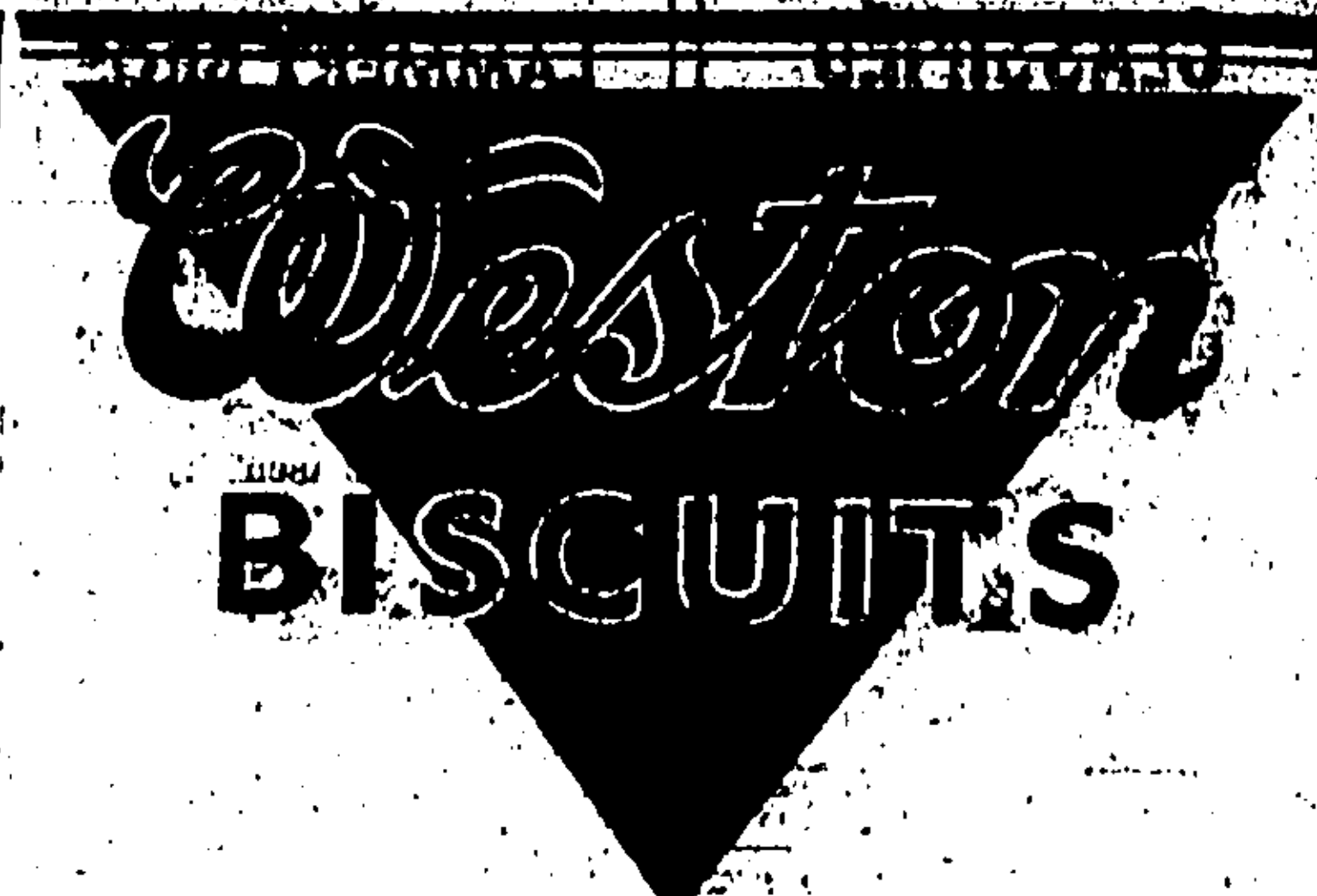
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Saturday the 20th March 1948
at 2.30 p.m. for the purpose of
receiving the Report of the
Directors together with a
Statement of Accounts for the
year ended 31st. December
1947.

The Register of Shares of the
Company will be closed from
Saturday 13th March 1948 to
Saturday 20th March 1948
(both days inclusive) during
which period no transfer of
shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of
Directors,

KAN TONG PO,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 19th Feb. 1948.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the thirty-ninth Ordinary
General Meeting of the Com-
pany will be held at the Offices of
Messrs. Dowdell & Co., Ltd.,
3rd floor, Hong Kong Bank
Building, on Friday, the 19th
March, 1948, at 11 a.m. for the
purpose of receiving the Re-
port and Statement of Accounts
for the year ended 31st Decem-
ber, 1947.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN
that the Transfer Books of the
Company will be closed from the
5th March, 1948 to the 19th
March, 1948 both days inclu-
sive.

DODWELL & CO., LTD.,

General Managers,

25th February, 1948.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the Ordinary Yearly Gen-
eral Meeting of the Company
will be held at the Offices of
Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and
Company, Limited, Hongkong
on Wednesday, 24th day of
March, 1948, at 12 o'clock Noon,
to transact the ordinary busi-
ness of the Company.

And, NOTICE IS HEREBY
ALSO GIVEN that the Regis-
ter of Members of the Com-
pany will be closed from the
10th to the 24th day of March,
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By Order of the Board,

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tered Offices of the Company,
King's Theatre Building, 5th
floor, on Wednesday, the 31st
day of March, 1948, at 12
o'clock noon, to receive the
Directors' Report and Accounts
as at 31st December, 1947, to
elect Directors and Auditors
and to transact such other
business as may be properly
transacted at an Ordinary
General Meeting of the Com-
pany.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN that the Register and
transfer Books of the Com-
pany will be closed from the
23rd to the 31st day of March,
1948 both days inclusive.

GEORGE Y. K. RUN,
Secretary

Hong Kong, 18th March 1948

SOVIET PROTESTS OVERRIDDEN
Czech Coup To Come Up For Hearing
Security Council
Backs Chile

Lake Success, Mar. 17.

The United Nations Security Council today over-
rode Soviet protests and voted to give full
hearings to charges that Russia engineered
the Communist seizure of Czechoslovakia.

A full debate was ordered by a vote of nine to two
after the Russian delegate (M. Andrei
Gromyko) warned the Council to throw out
the Czech case without any debate. M.
Gromyko heatedly denied that Russia had
taken any part in the Prague Government
change and argued that the United Nations had
no right to interfere in internal Czech affairs.

He said the Council charges
were "absurd" and warned that
insistence on interfering in the
Czech case would turn the
Council into a "place of intrigues
and provocations against
Russia and her few friends."

Speaking barely two hours
after President Truman's
charge before Congress that
Russia and caused the "tragic
death" of Czechoslovakia, M.
Gromyko in effect retorted that
American circles had prevailed
on Chile to bring the case to

Slashed
Screaming
Spouse

Shakespeare's "green-eyed
monster" claimed another three
victims last week and wrecked
a home.

Driven by jealousy, husband
Li Ngau threatened his young
wife, Chan Sap-ye, to
leave his house when he dis-
covered that 24-year-old Chiu
Nurn had had an affair with
her.

Chiu, it was alleged, seeing
the woman being threatened
with an empty bottle, rushed
in at her screams and slashed
the humiliated spouse with a
chopper.

The incident led to Li being
sent to hospital with severe
head wounds and Chiu appear-
ing in the dock at Kowloon
Magistracy yesterday before
Mr. Blair-Kerr charged with
wounding with intent.

Li, it was said, would be
under medical treatment for
some time while defendant was
remanded for 48 hours in gaol
custody. No bail was granted.

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All creditors and others are
accordingly hereby required to
send their claims to the under-
signed on or before that date.

Dated the 15th day of
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ARAB LORRY
BLOWN UP

Jerusalem, Mar. 17.
An explosive-laden Arab
lorry was blown up by
Jewish snipers on the
Haifa-Accra road today,
killing 10 Arabs and injur-
ing seven.
The blast injured 30 Jews
and blew over a passing
British soldiers.—Reuter.

Alleged
False
Report

Commitment proceedings were
started before Mr. Thomas Tam
at Central yesterday against
Tsang Kam-sing and Tsang
Kui, charged in connection with
a false report of a robbery at
the Farmers' Bank at the end
of December last year.

Inspector T. Cashman pro-
secuted, while Mr. C. Y. Kwau
was present on behalf of the
Bank and Mr. James Hall re-
presented the first accused.

Tsang Kam-sing was charged
with (a) Larceny by servant of
\$30,000, (b) Fraudulent con-
version of \$330,000 and (c)
Creating a public mischief by
giving false information to the
police.

Second accused was charged
with misprision of a felony in
that knowing that a felony had
been committed by the first ac-
cused, he concealed the commis-
sion of the felony.

Inspector Cashman said that
about 7 p.m. on December 30,
first accused reported that the
Bank had been robbed by three
men and that he had been
bound and gagged. The second
accused was arrested by a
watchman on the premises.

Police enquiries elicited that
the first accused had made a
false report and that second
accused had conspired with him
in making it.

The Bank made a check of
the money in the vaults and
found HK\$330,000 missing.
This, it was later found, was
lost by accused in gold specula-
tions.

The case was adjourned.

Aggravated
Offence

"Demanding money is in it-
self a very serious offence but
to demand it in the name of a
Government Department is all
the more serious," said Mr. F.
X. d'Almada at Central Magis-
tracy yesterday when sentencing
Yip Wah, 24, to 18 months im-
prisonment and a recommenda-
tion for banishment.

Yip, according to Inspector
Brownrigg, was alleged to have
approached a stall holder at
Wing Lok Street and demanded
\$1.50, claiming that he was
collecting on behalf of the
Licensing Office and that \$1.50
would be the amount that he
would have to pay per month.

Complainant being a Chu
Chow man was not able to
understand him, whereupon de-
fendant wrote his demand in a
note book (produced in court),
which was understood by com-
plainant.

Complainant refused to pay
and defendant then threatened
to break up his things. An
argument arose in the course
of which a police constable ap-
peared. When the case was
related to him, Yip was arrest-
ed.

DRUNK AND
DISORDERLY

Charged with being drunk
and disorderly, Ng Chuen, 42,
of No. 1 Tai Ming Street was
fined \$25 when he pleaded
guilty before Mr. F. X.
d'Almada at Central Magistracy
yesterday.

An additional charge of com-
mon assault was also preferred
and on his pleading guilty he
was fined \$20 or three weeks if
both fines were not met.

Inspector Brownrigg pro-
secuted.

A further eighteen months
hard labour was imposed on
Shum Pui Lam when he ap-
peared at the Central Magis-
tracy yesterday before Mr.
d'Almada on a charge of
committing a public nuisance
by playing a gramophone in
the street.

Tempted By
Too Much
Money

There was so much money
so she took it and ran away,
maid servant Lau Kwai stated
when charged with larceny in
a dwelling.

Appearing before Mr. Blair-
Kerr at Kowloon Magistracy
yesterday, Lau, charged with
stealing \$2,530 cash from her
employer, Li Sau-san, of No.
23, Pak Ho Street, first floor,
was sentenced to eight months
simple imprisonment.

DSI Sykes told the Court
that at 8.30 a.m. on March 4
Mr. Li put \$2,530 cash into his
pocket and hung the coat in his
cubicle. Lau then was outside.

Later he found that the money
was stolen, and promptly re-
ported to the Police. The defend-
ant's aunt was contacted and
informed of the alleged theft.
Shortly after the incident de-
fendant visited her aunt, who
brought her to the Police

Station, where a search reveal-
ed \$812 cash and jewellery,
bought with the money, on her
person.

A fellow villager was also
contacted and told the Police
that Lau had entrusted to him
\$500 and CN\$1,000,000 and
jewellery to be brought to her
mother in the country.

Altogether HK\$1,566.90 worth
of cash and jewellery was re-
covered, DSI Sykes concluded.

STOLE LEAD

"Very soon there will be no lead
at all on the ship!" said Insp.
Brownrigg when he pro-
secuted Chi Yan, cooie of the
Talkoo Dockyard at the Cen-
tral Magistracy yesterday on a
charge of stealing lead-covered
cable from the s.s. "Piancius".

Defendant pleaded "Guilty"
and was sentenced to nine
months' hard labour and re-
commended for banishment.

Mr. d'Almada remarked that
this case must be the ninth of
larceny of lead cabling from
this particular ship since it
arrived in Hong Kong.

Penicillin "mist" for
SINUS TROUBLE

30 million Americans suffer from sinus
trouble. In March Reader's Digest, Lolo
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plest, safest, most effective treatment yet
devised"—the inhaling of penicillin.
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(Continued from 117 page)

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REACTION TO TRUMAN SPEECH

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Consolidation Of Anti-Red Front

Washington, Mar. 17.
American political reaction to President Truman's appeal to Congress for universal military training and the revival of conscription cut sharply across party lines tonight. Some Republicans criticised the Democratic President for "creating a crisis." Others gave his proposals support.

Military Clause In Pact

London, Mar. 17.
Britain and Transjordan have pledged mutual military aid in war and have agreed on the right to bring troops to each other's territory if war comes.

Under the terms of a military annex to the new Anglo-Transjordan treaty, the text of which was published today, Britain's almost unrestricted right under the 1946 treaty to station troops in Transjordan has been dropped, but until the two countries agree that the state of world security renders such a measure unnecessary, Transjordan invites Britain to maintain units of the Royal Air Force at Amman and Mafrak airfields.

The treaty fully meets the claims of Transjordan sovereignty to meet with the revision of the old treaty was undertaken on Transjordan initiative.—Reuter.

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WHY, YES, SIR, I BELIEVE THE LADY IN QUESTION IS DIVERTING HERSELF ON THE ROLLER-SKATING RINK AT THE MOMENT.

MONTGOMERY APPOINTMENT DENIAL

London, Mar. 17.
High military sources in London today said it was "most unlikely" that Field Marshal Montgomery had been named as Commander-in-Chief of the Joint armies of Britain, France, Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg, as reported in a French newspaper today.

A War Office spokesman declined to comment on the report.—Reuter.

Percival Criticisms Of Chinese

London, Mar. 17.
General Percival's criticisms of Malayan Chinese in his war despatch were referred to at question time in the House of Commons today.

Mr. Leonard Gamman, Conservative, asked what action the Colonial Secretary proposed to take, on the protests made to the British Government by prominent Singapore Chinese against General Percival's despatches on the fall of Singapore.

Mr. Arthur Creech Jones, Colonial Secretary, replied: "The Secretary of War has just received a communication from the Chairman of the South-East Asia Federation of China Relief Fund Committee on the subject of criticisms of Malayan Chinese contained in General Percival's despatch."

"This communication is now under consideration. I must point out, however, that the views expressed in General Percival's despatch are the personal opinions of the author."

"The Governor of Singapore paid a public tribute to the courage and bearing of Chinese during the hostilities and later, during the Japanese occupation, when he assumed that office."—Reuter.

WEIZMANN IN SNOW

Jerusalem, Mar. 17.
Arab guards at Jaffa gate played in the snow on Tuesday morning, making snow figures. One was a copy of Dr Chaim Weizmann and another was a replica of a tomb marked in English and Arabic "the tomb of David Ben Gurion" (Jewish Agency Executive Chairman).—Associated Press.

Mutual Assistance With Arab State

London, Mar. 17.
Jordan, under the provisions of the new treaty signed yesterday, is entrusted to an important new "Anglo-Transjordan Joint Defence Board."

The crucial provision for mutual military aid in the event of war is now contained in Article III of the alliance, which states that if either party becomes engaged in war, the other party will come to his aid as a measure of collective defence.

There is a proviso here that such action should not prejudice the obligations of either party under the United Nations Charter, or other international pacts.

In the event of "an imminent menace of hostilities," the parties will concert together on the necessary defence measures.

As before, the new treaty provides for the grant by Britain of substantial training facilities for the Transjordan forces, the continuation of an annual basis of the British contribution towards their upkeep—now totalling £2,000,000—and arms standardisation between the two countries.

The treaty, which is to remain in force for an initial 20-year period, compared with 25 years in the 1946 treaty, will be revised after 15 years on the initiative of either party.—Reuter.

President "Crying Wolf"?

Denver, Mar. 17.
James G. Easton, President of the National Farmers Union with 500,000 members, urged President Truman to stop "crying wolf" and end the "war of psychology among the people."

He claimed that Mr. Truman's extraordinary appearance before Congress hinted of "war abroad or revolution at home."

Patton appealed for an end of the "policy of creating one crisis after another" to shape America's stand on foreign and domestic issues.

"We cannot protect our flocks by crying wolf," he said. "I appeal for a return to a rational government, a return to courageous, progressive action instead of frightened, halting reaction."

He said the nation's newspapers and radio stations were engaged in an "hysterical campaign to create hatred, fear and war of psychology among the people."

Patton declared that neither war nor revolution is likely "unless we ourselves, through fear and ineptness of power politics, bring them about."—United Press.

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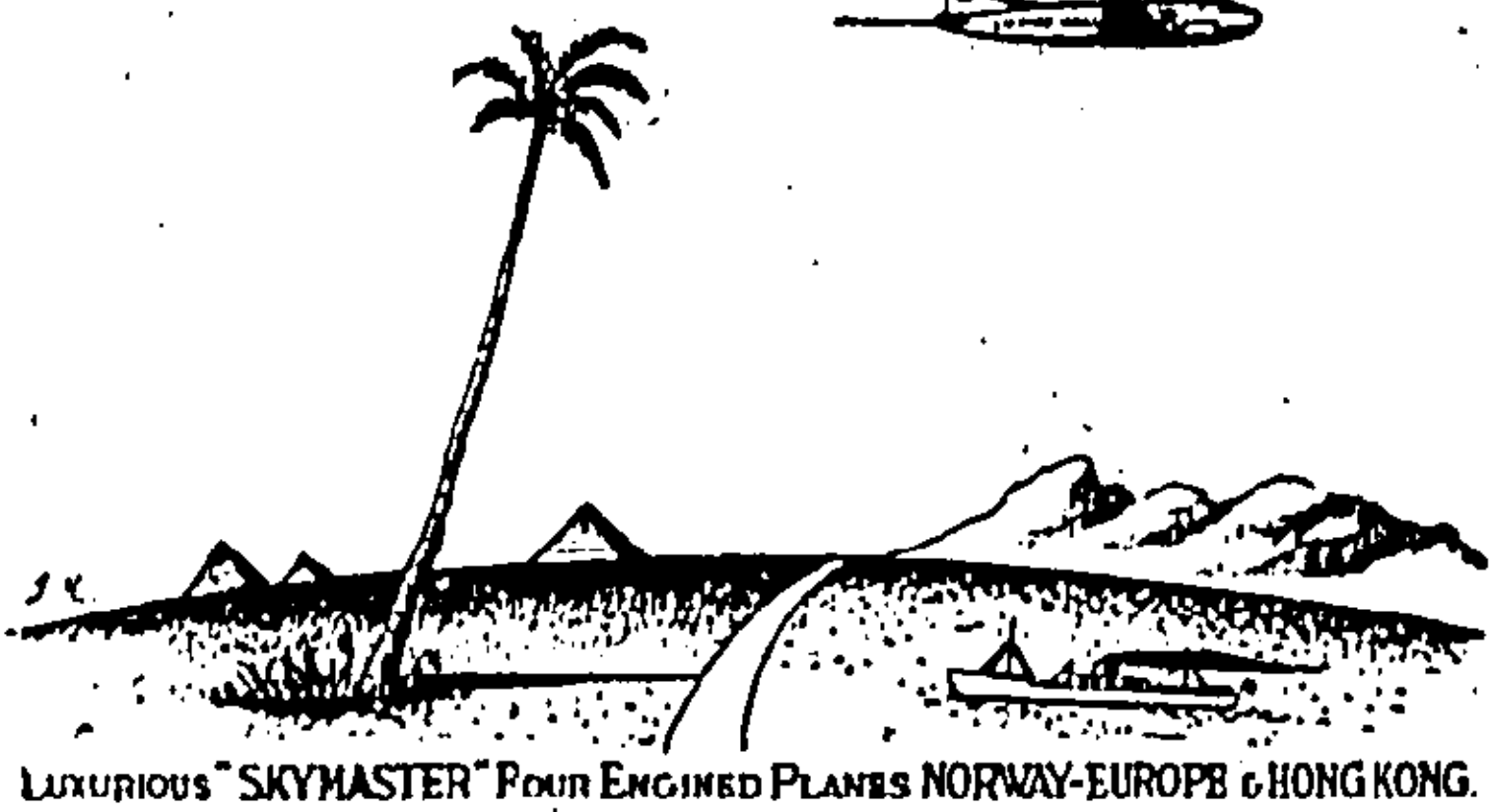
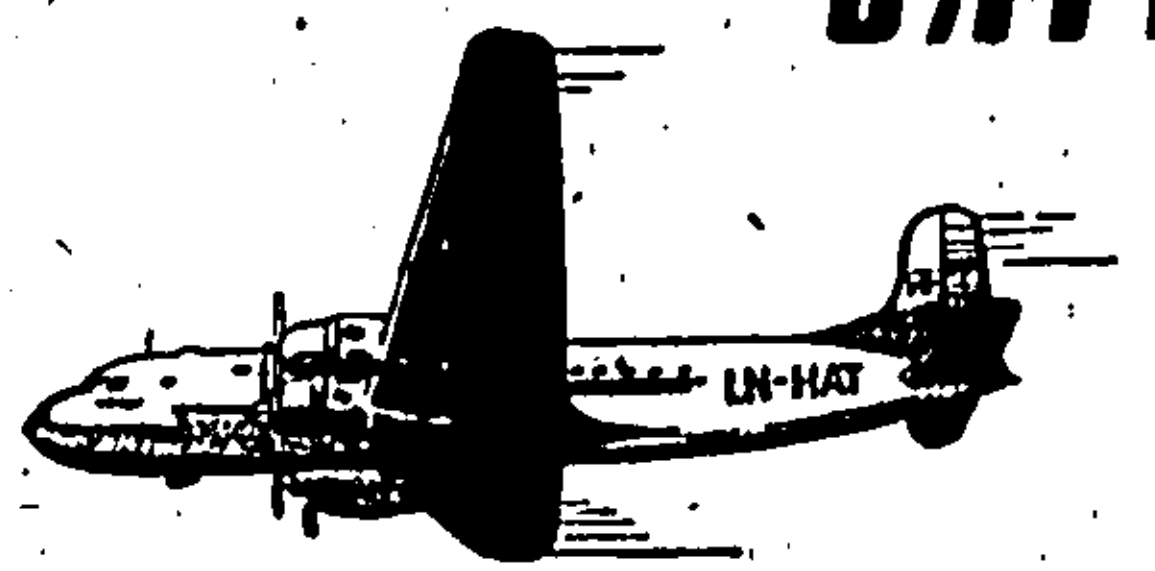
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"ENVOIOUS EYES" ON H.K.

Peer Demands Definition Of Policy

'Not Going To Be Chivvied Out'

London, Mar. 17.

"Envious eyes" were being cast on Hong Kong, and the residents there were an anxious people at the moment, Lord Mancroft, a Conservative peer, declared today.

Speaking in the debate on defence in the House of Commons, Lord Mancroft asked what Britain's attitude was to the future of Hong Kong and Singapore. Surely, he said, the Government had learned a lesson in the last few weeks over the Falkland Islands, British Honduras and other places.

Asking what the British policy and strategy in the Far East would be, Lord Mancroft said, very little had been heard about Malaya and Hong Kong since the fall of Japan.

"We should state publicly what our policy there is going to be and any we are not going to be chivvied out of Hong Kong and that, in fact, we do intend to develop it as a major base," Lord Mancroft declared.

In a brief reference to the Far East in his reply to the debate, Viscount Hall, First Lord of the Admiralty, said: "There is a permanent force in Malaya."

Lord Mancroft said there were two important lessons to be gained from the despatches recently published on the Far East campaigns:

One was the difficulty which Britain got into by not being able to make up her mind whether her foreign policy was to be dictated by strategy or vice versa.

Too Much Bluff

The other was the difficulty Britain ran into in trying to make up her mind what was the minimum she could afford for defence and what was the minimum defence required.

General Percival had summed up the case rightly when he said that in the past Britain had made too much play with a strategy depending on bluff.

"We did not bluff our enemies and we did, unfortunately, bluff ourselves," Lord Mancroft declared.

During 1942, armchair critics levelled some very harsh abuse indeed at the commanders in Malaya, Lord Mancroft added.

"We had not seen any withdrawal of those accusations, nor had there been apologies for the many harsh things said at that time."

"Mud sticks and I think it is time we began to wipe some of that mud off. Our men did their best out there under appallingly difficult circumstances."

Volunteers

Lord Hall, referring to Commonwealth defence in his reply, said Britain also had responsibility for colonial defence. She had to consider the security of the territories themselves and the extent to which they might be able and willing to play their part in Commonwealth defence.

These matters had been closely examined, both here and in

the colonies. In East and West Africa, the Government hoped to establish volunteer military forces and provide for expansion in war.

In the other colonies with small populations, it hoped to establish auxiliary forces. There was, he said, a permanent naval force in Malaya.

Earlier, Lord Nathan, Minister for Civil Aviation, said important changes had been made in planning the organisation of the Government to secure closer integration of civil and military planning in Britain.

A new post had been created—Scientific Adviser to the Home Office. This would be filled, by the director of scientific research to the Ministry of Supply, who is a radar expert. He would serve as the link between the planning staff and the scientists engaged on research of various kinds connected with defence problems.—Reuter.

Americans Hit By Big Walk-Outs

Washington, Mar. 18.

America's coal and meat supplies are dropping because of unchecked labour union walk-outs.

At least 339,000 of the 400,000 soft coal diggers in the United States affiliated with the United States Mine Workers' were out in a walk-out which continued to spread.

The miners are supporting demands of John L. Lewis for pensions for coal miners. Lewis said operators violated their contract by failing to establish a pension plan. No strike was called. But the miners began walking out on Monday.

Shutdowns will hit some industries dependent on coal, including steel producers and coal-carrying railroads.

Resignation Demanded

Sydney, Mar. 17.

Ten Federal unions, representing 200,000 workers, at a conference here today demanded the resignation of Mr. E. Hanlon, the Labour Prime Minister of Queensland, and the dismissal of the Queensland Chief of Police and individual police responsible for "storm troop activities" against Queensland strikers.

In Melbourne, after a daylong discussion, the Inter-State Executive of the Australian Council of Trade Unions passed a resolution condemning the "savage attacks" on union members as "vicious and degrading."

The strike of Queensland railway workers began over six weeks ago when 3,000 maintenance men came out for higher wages.—Reuter.

MANNERHEIM IN SWEDEN

Stockholm, Mar. 17.

Carl Gustaf Mannerheim, Marshal of Finland, arrived in Stockholm on Wednesday. He categorically denied reports that he was leaving Finland as an exile.

Baron Mannerheim said, "I am going to Switzerland to take care of my health." The octogenarian ex-President, who seemed to be in very good spirits, but walked rather heavily, smilingly added, "I cannot help what papers are writing about me, can I?"—Associated Press.

C-IN-C VISITS LABUAN

London, Mar. 17.

The cruiser London, wearing the flag of Admiral Sir Denis W. Boyd, Commander-in-Chief of the British Pacific Fleet, is expected tomorrow at Labuan Island, off the British North Borneo coast, the Admiralty announced today.

The vessel, which is on a cruise of East Indian waters, will proceed to Jesselton, British North Borneo, and later call at Manila before returning to base at Hong Kong early in April.—Reuter.

NUTRITION IN ASIA

Baguio, Mar. 17.

The Food and Agricultural Organisation Conference here, which ended yesterday, has achieved success in the way of mobilising the technical and scientific resources and personnel of the FAO member nations towards the raising of nutritional standards in South-East Asia.

This opinion was expressed by Dr. W. M. Cryde, head of the nine-man United Kingdom delegation to the Conference, who told Reuter today a very good start has been made.—Reuter.

To Die For Embezzling

Belgrade, Mar. 17.

A Yugoslav court today sentenced to death two Economic Department officials for embezzling "enormous State funds," economic sabotage and "injuring the reputation of Yugoslavia's trade abroad."

Seven other officials were sentenced to prison terms ranging from six months to life imprisonment on similar charges.

(One of the two men sentenced to death was a former high official of the Ministry of Foreign Trade, who was charged with making personal offers to French firms, undercutting official Government prices, and selling supplies to an Italian firm which later resold them as Italian goods.—Reuter.

He Means To Be A Survivor

Lake Success, Mar. 17.

As the international tension mounts toward a climax with today's developments at Washington and Lake Success, at least one man is taking measures to insure his survival if an atomic war comes.

He is a businessman in near-by Lakewood, New Jersey, who is building an underground home which he claims will be virtually "atomic bomb-proof."

This home is being built at considerable expense by digging into a hillside. Thousands of tons of steel and concrete will be formed into a single solid block with provisions for warding off blast and radiation effects of the atomic bomb. The dwelling will have complete facilities to make it self-sufficient in food, water, light and heat whenever necessity comes.

The owner and designer of the bomb-proof refuge is serious in his belief he may be the only survivor if atomic warfare comes to the New York area on the heels of the current international crisis.—Central News.

Sour Grapes In Moscow

Moscow, Mar. 17.

The Soviet trade union paper, Trud, quoted by Moscow Radio, accused American diplomacy of "causing its Anglo-French agents" to get the Paris 16-nation Conference to adopt resolutions which would allow it "to pass on to the next stage of concluding a separate peace with Western Germany."

"For the first time since the war, German experts will appear in the French Foreign Office, not as representatives of a conquered country, but of a country as regards which the Plan has extended special favours," it said.

"The lackey of the dollar in Britain and France are competing in their efforts to please, Washington," Trud added, saying that by renouncing the proposed demilitarisation pact, America considered that the disarming of Germany was not an immediate objective.—Reuter.

ATOM RESEARCH IN INDIA

Madras, Mar. 17.

Three atomic research institutes—two in Calcutta and one in Bombay—are functioning already, it was disclosed in Madras today by the Indian Government's director of scientific research, Dr. S. Shantivurup Bhatnagar.

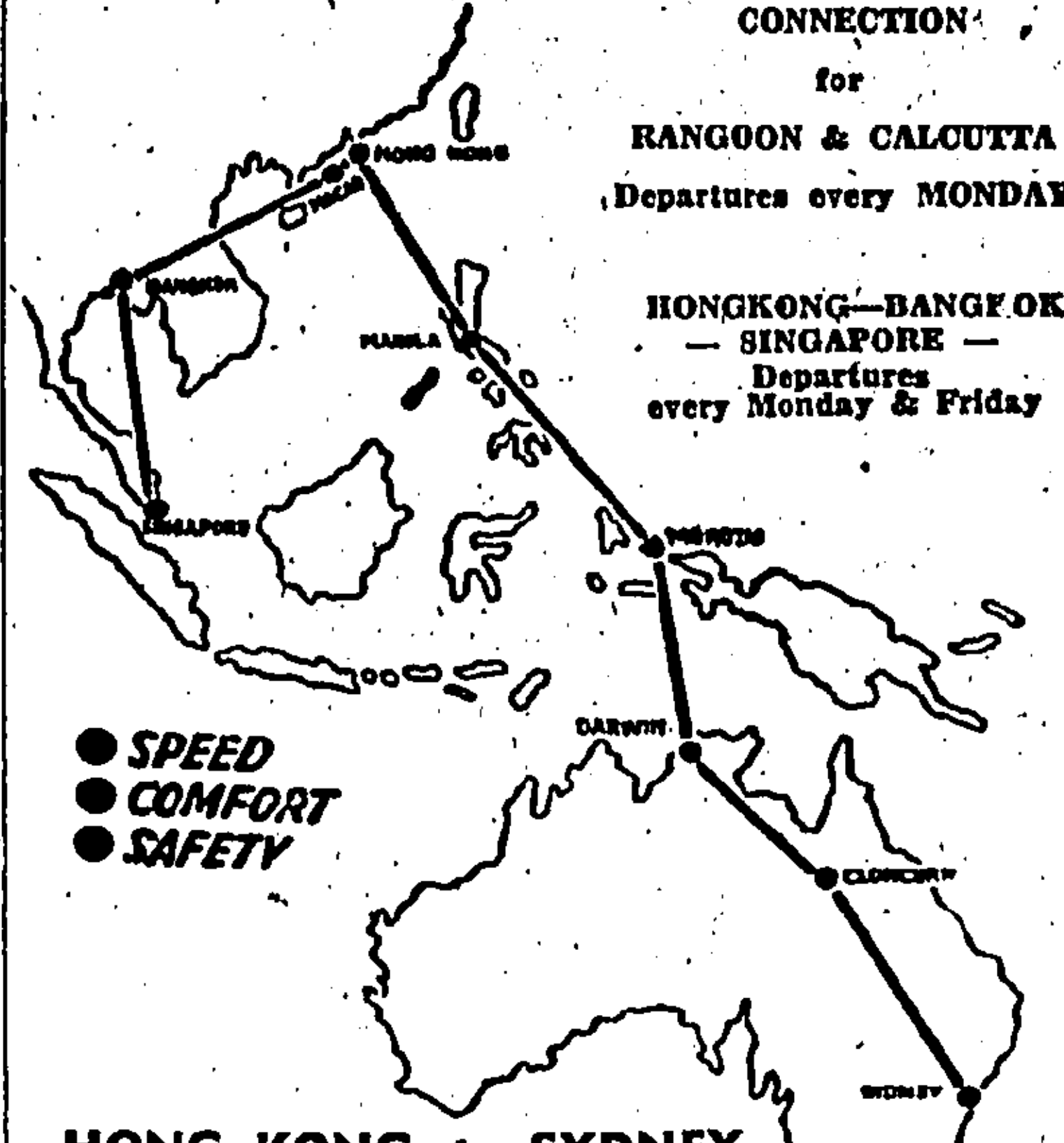
He added that an atomic research bill enabling scientists to conduct secret experiments will be enacted shortly. Attempts to harness atomic energy to industry and to fill the gap of the fuel shortage will be made, he said.—Associated Press.

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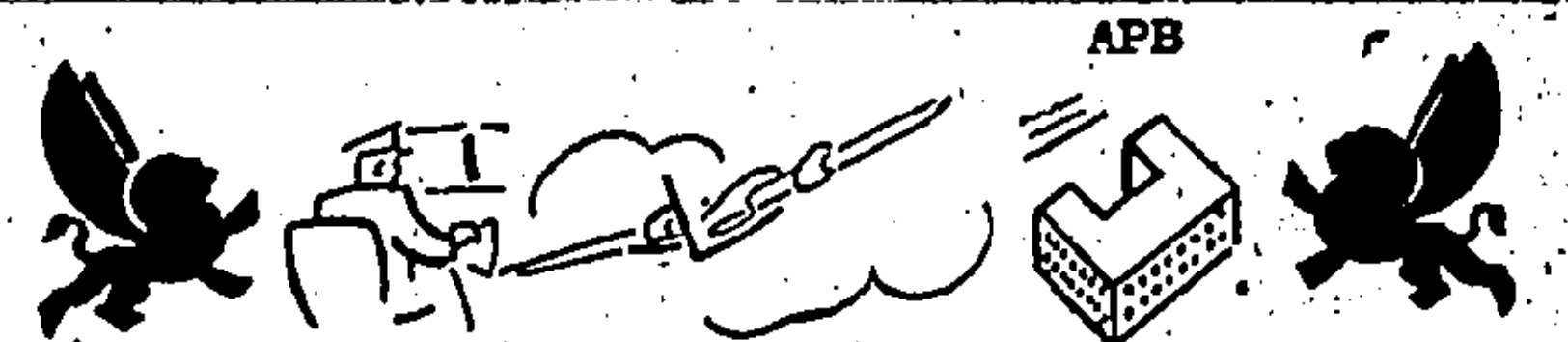
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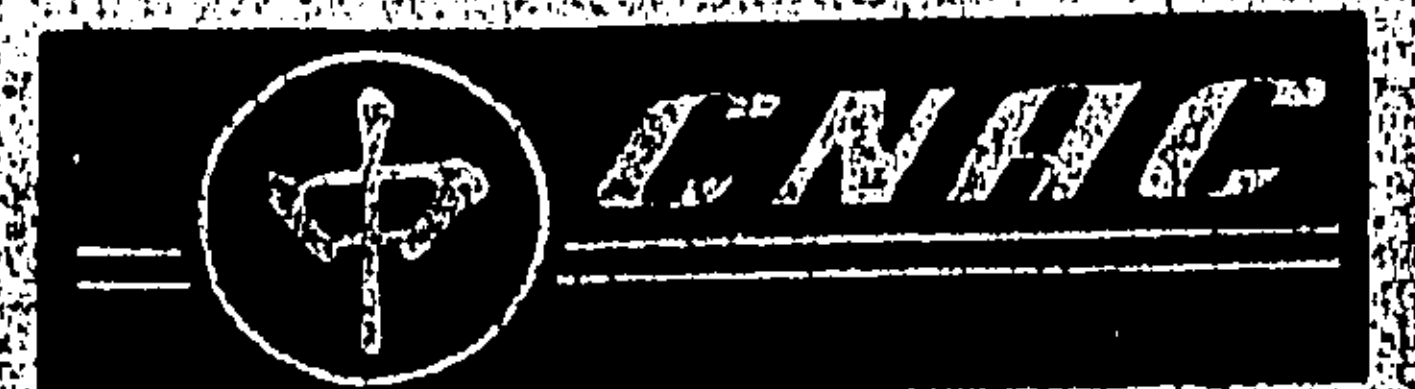
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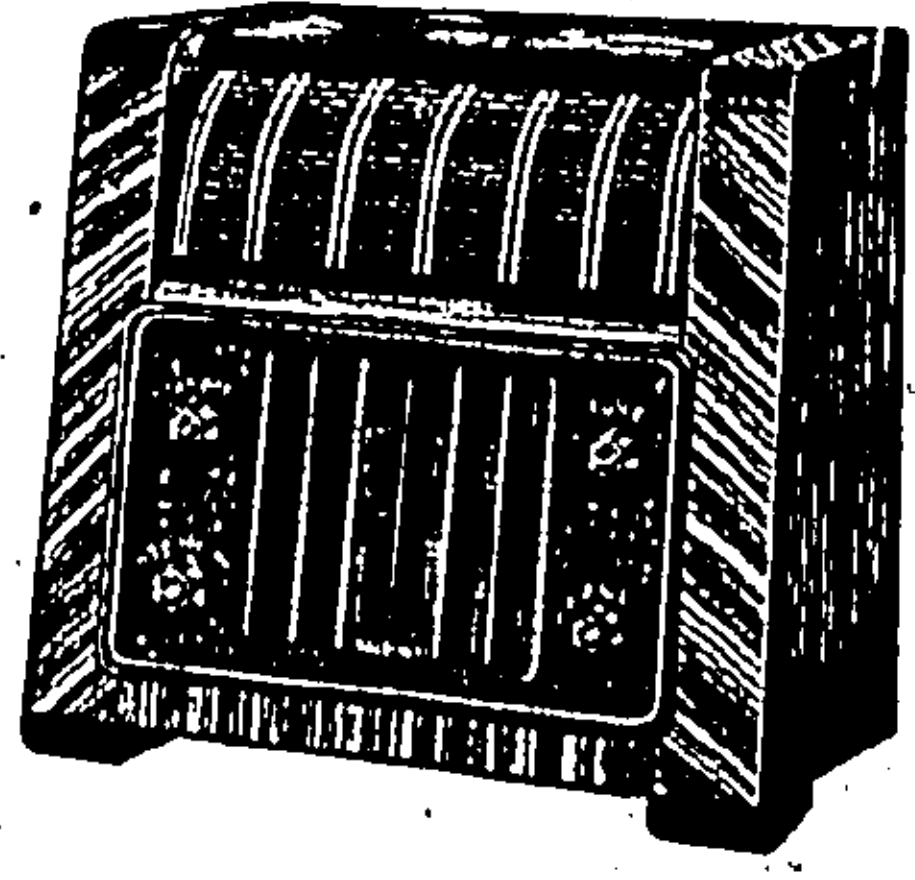
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It brings you to a tall, well-built, staunch-looking man who has no use for adjectives. But he dominates an industry that thrives on them.

He has as little use for luxury or for personal advertisement, and by no means happily accepts the fact that his is one of the names likely to be most often in the news of 1948.

He does not forget to mention that, even more than he, his wife wishes it were not so. "You see, we never realised what we were in for."

Braving the glare that he cannot escape, he looks into 1948 with high hopes for his plans to give Britain a film industry worthy of its greatness.

Word-Watcher

Scanning his production list, which seemed to me not notably inspired, I said: "A lot of people have sold you a lot of ideas. Do you ever tell them what you want?"

Sitting against the dark green brocade of his high-backed Jacobean chair, with the window light behind him, he

posed a very good profile as he gazed upward at the far-off ceiling.

This was not the avowed and proud Methodist considering the Kingdom of Heaven. This was him trying to find the right word.

So conscious is he of the risks, now, of using the wrong word, the loose statement, that he will suddenly say, Yorkshire fashion, after a series of entirely non-committal remarks: "You know, the trouble with me is I'm too open-gobbed!"

But he presently answered my question about his personal contributions to the stock of film ideas. "I'm not, myself, a film producer. Mine isn't one of those creative brains."

I asked him: "Have there been times when you wished you had not gone into films?" The ceiling was gazed at for what seemed to me an interminable time.

No Hard Lines

It gave me a chance to study Mr. Rank. Soon to be 60, he would pass for 50. His smooth face, with its debonair, dryly moustached, suggests an elegance which he would probably disdain. His is the face of a man who has had few collisions with fate.



Joan Caulfield, who rises to new heights in "Blue Skies" shown in a scene with Bing Crosby.

Character and personality are seldom equally blended. John Wesley, whom Mr. Rank so greatly admires, would count it as a sign of grace that the first should outweigh the second. Mr. Rank is conspicuous in an industry in which, it must be granted, the converse is still often true.

What I had not realised before, and now can affirm, is that J. Arthur Rank's wealth and influence are not what make him essentially interesting to know. If he were stripped of them he would still be worth writing about.

Dislike Of Humbug

He has little flair for self-presentation and a withering Yorkshire dislike of humbug.

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I had asked him, you remember, whether he regretted having gone into picture-making. His answer, in due time, was: "Basically—no."

Something To See

Something to see: Carmen Miranda teaching Wallace Beery to rhumba in "A Date With Judy." Elizabeth Taylor and Jane Powell are also in this new Metro production.

It is now definite that the Academy Award function will take place on March 20—at the huge Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles, where it was held last year.

There have been many cases of discouraged Hollywood actresses going to Broadway, making a huge hit and returning



Ava Gardner gets her first starring role in "Singapore." Ava here, however, is off the set, in a cool play suit.

here with contracts that give them many times their former salaries. But it doesn't always work. Ruth Hussey, who was a tremendous success in New York in "State of the Union," has not only been omitted from the film version, but hasn't been offered a decent part in any current movie.

After signing up for "One Sunday Afternoon," Warner's remake of "The Strawberry Blonde," Eleanor Parker found the story had beaten her to it. She's out, and Andrea King looks like taking over the role.

SHADOWS BEFORE

BLUES SKIES (Queen's and Alhambra). Stars: Fred Astaire, Bing Crosby, Joan Caulfield, Billy de Wolfe, Oluf San Juan.

Story: Begins after the first world war and is told to the tunes of Irving Berlin's most famous songs. Against this background, a mixed-up romance involving Fred, Bing and Joan is unfolded. All is in fact very mixed up, for Bing dances and Fred sings and Joan, hitherto acclaimed for her dramatic ability alone, both sings and dances. Crosby sings no fewer than sixteen of the Berlin lyrics. The film contains an interesting piece of photographic technique when Astaire suddenly splits into ten Astaires, without use of the familiar mirror device. His nimble feet have seldom spoken more eloquently as they do in "Blue Skies," and his big solo is a masterpiece of precision and artistry. This is a musical of the four-star calibre.

DEAR MURDERER (Lee). Stars: Eric Portman, Greta Gyn, Dennis Price, Jack Warner, Maxwell Reed and Hazel Court.

Story: From the famous play, it is concerned with a man who successfully disposes of both his wife's lover by murdering one and then incriminating the other for the crime. He then tries to resume a happy relationship with his wife, but though he has planned the perfect crime, he has not reckoned with the uneasiness of his own conscience—not with the ruthlessness of his wife, Eric Portman and Greta Gyn are opposite one another in these dramatic roles and both give an outstanding performance in a thriller which produces a startling climax. The suspense endures to the close of the curtain. A must when it comes.

SINGAPORE (Kings). Stars: Fred MacMurray and Lea Gardner.

Story: The outbreak of the Pacific War begins it and a man's return after VJ Day for pearls concealed in a hotel room brings it to its melodramatic climax. Ava Gardner obtains her first starring role in this film and plays with every confidence, while bringing brightness and spontaneity into it. Most of the film is pictured against the present day setting of Singapore.

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Story: The backstage show business theme with a difference. It is unusual, in fact, in more than one sense. For instance, the heroine, Betty Grable, and the hero, Dan Dailey (a polished dancer) meet, fall in love, get married, dance as a team, have children, but never have a battle or discordant moment. If they're not careful they'll be starting a revolution in Hollywood!

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ALHAMBRA—Gallant Ben As Above.

CENTRAL—This Man's Navy. Wallace Beery in a cheerful piece about war.

MAJESTIC—The Unfaithful. Same as above.

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UNION "JUST BEGINNING"

Foreign Ministers On The New Treaty

"Outside Our Road There Is Nothing But Chaos"

(By Reuters Diplomatic Correspondent)

Brussels, Mar. 17.
The ceremony of the signing of the 50-year Western Union Treaty between Britain, France and Benelux (Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg) was a simple one in the Palais des Academies and lasted 35 minutes.

The Foreign Ministers of the participating countries signed the treaty, which has defence as its hard core and provides for economic co-operation.

M. Paul Henri Spaak, Belgian Premier and Foreign Minister, said "Outside the road which we have just chosen there is nothing but chaos, economic disorder and the impossibility of assuring our security."

"On the other hand, our choice guarantees our people immense possibilities for a new life and the best chance to construct and maintain that peace to which they have the right."

M. Spaak added: "The democratic Europe which we want to defend and organise is not limited to our five countries and there we have foreseen that others may one day rally to reinforce our task."

M. Georges Bidault, French Foreign Minister, declared: "We are now together—let us hope forever."

"On the road from Paris to Brussels, there is scarcely a town or village after which a battle has not been named. This drama has lasted too long. The five of us to begin with will defend peace and security. Isolation and fear and aggressiveness have always compromised peace. Together we shall break these three perils."

A Beginning

Mr. Ernest Bevin, the Foreign Secretary, who, with the other Foreign Ministers, had come to Brussels from the Marshall Plan Conference in Paris, described the treaty as "not an end, just a beginning."

He said the treaty had been designed "to bring together good neighbours, maintain good relations and proceed with an organisation which is bound to benefit not only ourselves, is not even limited to Europe, but will be of great advantage to all the world."

"We are providing measures in that structure to remove the haunting fear which has overshadowed our countries for so long. It would emphasise that we five good neighbours who are actuated by any motives antagonistic to anyone else."

Mr. Bevin said the treaty was "a kind of foundation that has not been attempted before."

Military Aid

Besides economic cooperation, the treaty provides that if any party should be the object of an armed attack in Europe, the other parties will afford military and other aid.

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Security Council and be terminated as soon as the Council has taken the necessary measures to maintain peace.

The treaty would aim at making the output of the signatories available to the world. M. Bidault said the world had been waiting a very long time for a joint effort.

Most observers here think there is nothing which would prevent the five nations taking immediate collective action in the event of aggression, whether from Germany or from any other power.

No Time

Under the treaty, a permanent consultative council will be immediately convened in the case of a renewal of German aggression or any threat to peace.

At today's signing ceremony, Mr. Bevin urged: "There is no time to lose. The problems

PACT NOT AIMED AT ANYONE

London, Mar. 17.
The Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, emphasised today that the Western Pact signed in Brussels was not directed against any other country.

Interrupting a Parliamentary discussion to give the House of Commons the news, Mr. Attlee said: "This is indeed no ordinary treaty. It is not an alliance based on self-interest and fear."

"It is rather an association of like-minded neighbours who are engaged jointly in shaping their way towards a closer social and, indeed, spiritual integration."

"This is not only a treaty but a basis for activity in the economic, social, cultural and security fields."

"This instrument provides the opportunity for the consultation and collaboration which will enable all of us to secure such conditions as will contribute to a higher standard of life for all our peoples."

Loud cheering greeted Mr. Attlee's statement, which was described by the Opposition leader, Mr. Winston Churchill, as "momentous."

The Opposition, Mr. Churchill said, would not wish to express a final opinion on the details until they had assured themselves that the Communists were in full harmony and that the difficulties had been adjusted.

"But having made those reservations, I would like to assure the Prime Minister on behalf of the Opposition that we have a great feeling that the decision which has been taken at Brussels will be found to be in accord with the general sense of the House of Commons."—Reuter.

RIOTING IN LEEWARDS

St. John's, Leeward Islands, Mar. 17.
Burning of sugar cane fields, looting and rioting were reported here today from adjoining St. Christopher Island (St. Kitts), now in the grip of industrial trouble.

An Assistant Superintendent of Police had been shot and wounded and a road overseer dragged from his car and beaten up, it was learned.—Reuter.

of this post-war world are very grave."

The treaty was signed in the following order: M. Paul Henri Spaak, Belgian Foreign Minister, M. Georges Bidault, French Foreign Minister, M. Joseph Bech, for Luxembourg, Baron Van Boetelaere, for the Netherlands, and Mr. Bevin, for Britain.

The treaty was drawn up in English and French, each text being equally authentic. The original will remain in the archives of the Belgian Government, certified copies being sent to the other signatories.—Reuter.

Admiralty Refusal To Publish

London, Mar. 17.
An Admiralty spokesman in the House of Commons today reiterated the Admiralty's refusal to publish the contemporary war diary of Admiral Sir Geoffrey Layton, who commanded the British naval forces in the Malayan campaign, but said the Admiral could ask for permission to publish his own review of the events.

The spokesman, who recalled that the Admiral was now a private person, and the Admiralty would have to consider any such application from him.

A Conservative Member, Captain A. Marsden, had asked whether Admiral Layton's war diary would be published and whether it would be made available to naval correspondents and historians.

Captain Marsden further asked whether notes written on the spot were not more valuable than diaries written weeks after the incidents they reported.

He wanted to know why these notes could not be published.

The Admiralty spokesman, Mr. John Dugdale, Financial Secretary of the Admiralty, said that at the time Admiral Layton wrote his notes, the commanders associated with him were prisoners. They did not write their reports until some time later.—Reuter.

Trade Talk With Reds

London, Mar. 17.
Fresh negotiations with Russia for extending last November's Anglo-Russian trade pact are proposed for next May, Mr. John Strachey, Minister of Food, announced at a press conference today.

Asked whether it was the ultimate aim to cease buying food from dollar areas, Mr. Strachey replied: "No, certainly not. We should regard it as a disaster both for Britain and Canada if we were forced to cease buying food from Canada."

Rice production was rising particularly in Burma, but was "still far below the needs of the Far East". There could be no substantial imports here until the needs of the Far East had been met, he said.—Reuter.

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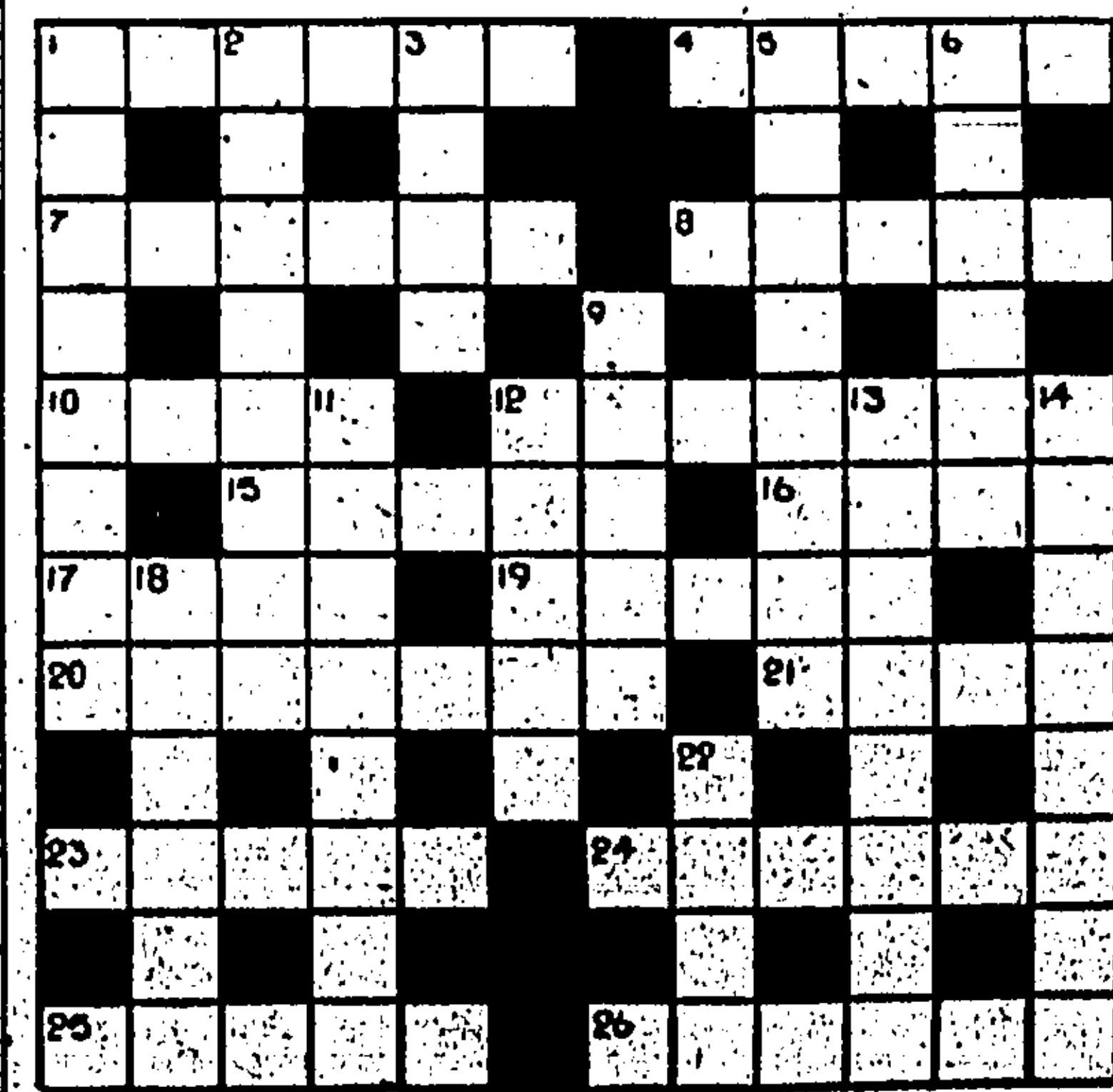
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Clues Across

1. Great
4. Monk
7. Redem.
8. Deluge
10. Commotion
12. Performer
15. Two
16. Percolate
17. Level
19. Cucumber
20. Guide
21. Drags
23. Percolate
24. Firearm
25. Drives
26. Dodge

Clues Down

1. Chaused
2. Severely
3. Den
5. Plunder
6. Retaliation
9. Shrewd
11. Garb
13. Traitor
14. Sharp
15. Chase
17. Letters
18. Prey
22. Bear
27. Nerve
28. Sings
29. Rood
30. Reckles
31. Nonsense
32. Oral
33. Monitor
34. Revised
35. Doctor
36. Unswayed
37. Disposed
38. Marquis
39. Dismiss
40. Parlay
41. Organ
42. Pines

Yesterday's Crossword

Across: 1. Random; 2. Rags; 3. Never; 4. Censor; 10. Valid; 11. Limit; 12. List; 13. Sound; 16. Messing; 21. Spaced; 22. Squar; 23. Pines; 24. Organ.



JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN SERVICE

Due from Sailing for
"TJIBADAK" Manila & Amoy 28th March Batavia, Semarang, Sourabaya & Macassar, 28th March.

Due from Sailing for
"TUTJALENGKA" Amoy 20th March Manila, and Amoy 4th April Batavia, Semarang, Sourabaya, Macassar 14th April.

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Due from Sailing for
"VAN HEUTSZ" Belawan, Deli, Singapore, Penang, 2nd April.

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Due from Sailing for
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"RIDDERKERK" Europe, early May.

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FINANCE AND COMMERCE

ATTACK ON MACARTHUR

Guilty Of "Evasion," Russians Say

Fuss Over Jap Delegate

Washington, Mar. 17. The Far Eastern Commission meets tomorrow (Thursday) for a showdown vote on Russian charges that General MacArthur is guilty of "evasion" in sending a Japanese expert to the Geneva radio conference with Commission approval.

The Soviet charge against General MacArthur, the first direct attack on the Supreme Commander by Russians in the FEC, was introduced by the Soviet Ambassador (M. Alexander Panyushkin) in a formal document shortly after General MacArthur had announced his availability as presidential candidate.

It replaced the earlier Soviet proposal, mild in tone, to the effect that it was "inadvisable

at the present time" to permit Japan to go abroad.

The Soviet charge stems from the fact that a Japanese radio expert, Shin Ichihase, is currently in Geneva as a "technical adviser" to the SCAP delegate to the Provisional Frequency Board sessions (Mr. Marden Cooke). Mr. Cooke and the Japanese expert arrived in Geneva on Feb. 14 and are expected to remain there several months.

The Soviet proposal, which will be voted on Thursday unless the American representative succeeds in sidetracking it, reads as follows:

"The Far Eastern Commission considers the decision of SCAP to send his representative and a Japanese expert to Geneva as a wrong one, since it has been taken by him in evasion of the FEC, which is considering a policy paper concerning the participation of representatives of SCAP Headquarters as observers with Japanese advisers at inter-governmental conferences."

To Be Contested The confidential FEC document 290-1 was submitted during the past week by Mr. Panyushkin as an "amendment" to the pending American proposal that Japan be permitted to go abroad to attend inter-governmental conferences as advisers to SCAP.

The United States will, it was learned, strongly contest the Soviet charge, asserting that the "pending policy decision of the FEC" on General MacArthur's action in sending a Japanese to Geneva lay "within the areas of discretion" of the Supreme Commander as the "sole executive authority in Japan."—United Press.

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Mar. 20, Philippine Airlines, 12 noon.

Shanghai
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Mar. 19, H.K. Airways, 3 p.m.
Mar. 21, H.K. Airways, 3 p.m.

Canton
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(Via Honolulu, Wake, Guam,
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Mar. 20, Pan-American, 12.45
p.m.
Mar. 31, Pan-American, 12.45
p.m.

San Francisco
(Via Honolulu, Wake, Guam,
Okinawa, Shanghai)
Mar. 25, Pan-American, 4.40
p.m.
June 1, Pan-American, 4.40
p.m.

Singapore
Mar. 20, BOAC (Capt. Payne)
4 p.m.
Mar. 22, BOAC (Capt. Foster)
4 p.m.

SAIGON
Mar. 19, Air France 2 p.m.
Singapore via Bangkok
Mar. 21, Cathay Pacific, 2
p.m.
Mar. 24, Cathay Pacific, 2
p.m.

Departures To:
Pool via Bangkok
Mar. 20, BOAC (Capt. Harris)
8 a.m.

Manila
Mar. 20, Philippine Airlines,
1 p.m.
Mar. 22, Pan-American, 8 a.m.
Mar. 23, Cathay Pacific, 12.30
p.m.

SAIGON
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Singapore
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7.30 a.m.
Mar. 22, BOAC (Capt. Briggs)
7.30 a.m.

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Mar. 19, Pan-American, 10
a.m.

Canton
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San Francisco
(Via Honolulu, Wake &
Manila)
Mar. 22, Pan-American, 8 a.m.
Mar. 25, Pan-American, 8 a.m.

San Francisco
(Via Honolulu, Wake &
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H.K. Electrics Annual Meeting

No Reductions Yet In Electricity Rates Over Five Million Dollars Profit

"Until the new plant is installed and unless coal costs are reduced, there appears to be little chance of a further reduction in electricity rates in the immediate future," said Mr. N. O. C. Marsh, addressing shareholders at the annual general meeting of the Hong Kong Electric Co. Ltd. yesterday.

Mr. Marsh added that consumers had had the benefit of no less than five reductions in rates since Sept. 1946.

Opening the meeting the chairman said the Company had made a net profit for the year of \$5,589,159.19, and that after deducting the interim dividend of \$1.70 per share less 10% tax already paid to shareholders there remained a balance available for appropriation of \$3,340,727.35.

Mr. Marsh continued: "We are still without any information regarding reparations and although our directors have in mind the liquidation of war losses it is felt that until we have some knowledge of what may be expected in the way of reparations the War Losses Account should stand. Under the heading of provision which appeared last year as contingency reserve from our previous allocation of \$700,000, we have paid in respect of the 1947-48 assessment a sum of \$300,000 pending final assessment. It has not been possible for the Inland Revenue Department to carry out a full assessment and although it is not anticipated that the provisional payment will be exceeded by any large amount your directors have decided to leave the provision until the final figure is known."

"Investments are shown at the book value of \$2,710,260 with a market value at the end of the year of \$3,865,569—an appreciation of 42%."

Assets
"Under the heading of current assets your company's cash position appears at a high figure which is explained by the fact that although capital plant has been ordered for some considerable time we have not yet obtained delivery of any prime movers. We have on order two 15,000 K.W. turbines and two boilers of a combined capacity of 210,000 lbs. It is not expected that the first boiler will be in commission before the autumn of next year."

"It was anticipated that the first turbine would be in commission by the end of this year. Unfortunately owing to manufacturing difficulties constant delays are being experienced. It will not be until the summer of 1949 before the turbine is running and even this date may prove optimistic. Your generating station is still operating with pre-war plant which suffered enormously from non-maintenance during the occupation period and it says much for the skill and ingenuity of your engineers that we have been able to cope with such a heavy load. It has been found necessary to restrict the industrial load during the hours of 6 p.m. to 11 p.m.—all consumers were warned at the time of connection that this type of supply could only be given outside the peak load period and we are only implementing restrictions which were foreseen and advised."

"I must also point out to constituents that with the heavy load now being carried it may be necessary to employ low steam pressure plant with its attendant higher cost of generation and it is possible that the balance for appropriation will not be on the same scale as that for the period under review."

Five Reductions
"Our consumers have had the benefit of no less than five reductions in rates since September 1946 bringing the lightning rate of 57.6 cents down to 35 cents with discounts and the power rate from 16.2 cents to 13.5 cents. Until the new plant is installed and unless coal costs are reduced there appears to be little chance of a further reduction in rates."

"A dinner is being held for members and their friends at the Raffles Hotel on Saturday night, March 20, at 7.30 p.m. Tickets are available from the Club Secretary, Mr. J. H. Marmann, at 10, Lee House St."

No Korean Interport

The match between the Korean Interport Team and Hong Kong has been cancelled due to difficulties in obtaining exit visas from Korea for the Korean players.

It is hoped that the Koreans will be able to visit Hong Kong next year.

To counteract this it has been suggested that an All-Hong Kong v. The Rest match should be played instead.

The talent at the disposal of selectors is such that the respective teams will be very evenly matched.

Amateur Boxing
Under the auspices of South China Athletic Association and Lee's Gymnasium an Amateur Boxing Contest between Hong Kong and Canton boxers will be held at the South China Athletic Association's Basketball Ground on Sunday at 7 p.m. There will be nine bouts, of which six bouts will be against Canton boxers.

The Chairman of S.C.A.A., Mr. Kwok Chan, will present the prizes and Mr. H. J. Clarke, C.B. Ross, R.N., will referee the contest under A.B.A. Rules with Mr. (E.) A. E. Bryant, R.N., Capt. R. W. Cunningham, Scots Regt., and S.M.I. Easton, Buffs, as judges.

Tickets are available in advance at \$5, \$10 and \$15 from China Emporium, ground floor, and S.C.A.A., Caroline Hill.

London, Mar. 17.
Bulgarian Premier Georgi Dimitroff and other members of the delegation now in Moscow to negotiate a treaty of friendship and mutual assistance, were received at the Kremlin on Tuesday night by Premier Stalin and V. M. Molotov, foreign minister. Moscow radio reported. — Associated Press.

London, Mar. 17.
Messrs. W. A. Stewart and E. R. Hill, the two retiring Directors, were re-elected to the Board on the motion of Mr. N. C. MacGregor, seconded by Mr. P. Loureiro.

Messrs. Peat Marwick Mitchell & Co. were reappointed auditors for the ensuing year, on the proposal of Mr. B. Wong Tape, seconded by Mr. Wong Chi-po.

Supporting Mr. Marsh in the chair were his fellow Directors, Sir Shouson Chow, Hon. Mr. T. N. Chau, Hon. Mr. D. F. Landale and Mr. E. R. Hill. Shareholders present were Messrs. N. C. MacGregor, N.V.A. Croucher, F. F. Duckworth, P. Loureiro, W. Stoker, J. Hennessy Beth, A. McKellar, Leung Fathin, E. L. Grooms, Ip Kwai-chung, E. Wong Tape, A. G. Meise, Leung Shiu-lou, R. A. Dastur, M. M. Nemazeo, C. I. Stapleton, Wong Chi-po, A. K. Minu, Young Tso-ko and Lo Yuk-tung.

Baseball
New York, Mar. 17.
Exhibition baseball: Washington Senators 11 Philadelphia Phillies 7.
New York Yankees 8 Cincinnati Reds 7.
Detroit Tigers 6 Saint Louis Cardinals 2.
Brooklyn Dodgers 14 Montreal Browns 10.
New York Giants and Pittsburgh Pirates game was cancelled because of rain. — Associated Press.

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America Intervenes

Belice, Mar. 17.
The United States has intervened in the territorial dispute between Guatemala and the United Kingdom over British Honduras, it was reported authoritatively here today.

The United States Ambassador to Guatemala, on instructions from Washington, is understood to have sought and to have received Guatemalan Foreign Office assurances that there will be no aggressive action against the colony.

On that basis, it was said, the cruiser Sheffield was withdrawn. — Reuter.

Parity In Teachers' Pay In Malaya

London, Mar. 17.
Mr. Frederick Skinner, Labour, in the Commons yesterday, asked in connection with the report of the Trustees' Salaries Commission, the Government of Malaya would apply the principle of parity of pay and status as between teachers of equal qualifications, whether recruited locally or in Great Britain.

Mr. Creech Jones replied: "Yes. The principle of parity of basic pay and status between officers of equal qualification, irrespective of race or domicile, will be applied throughout the Malayan public service."

"Expropriation pay, in addition to basic pay, will be proposed in appropriate cases on the lines of the report and in accordance with the principle of the White Paper, No. 197."

Commodore Harvey, Conservative, asserting that all Chinese schools in Kelantan and Trengganu, Malaya, were being Communally administered, asked what the Ministry proposed to do in the matter.

Mr. Creech Jones replied: "These schools are subject to Government inspection and recent visits have disclosed no indication of any political activity." — Reuter.

Home Soccer Notes

(By 'Alcydes')
Arsenal who receive Chelsea next Saturday at Highbury, should win their game and increase their lead in a race that seems almost won. Preston, who are lying second, will be severely tested when they meet Aston Villa but they are expected to collect the points. Derby, who have a couple of games in hand, due to Cup engagements visit Ayresome Park and if current form runs true should beat Middlesbrough. At the other end, luckless Grimsby go to Turf Moor but can hold out no hope of beating Burnley. Stoke City and Sunderland meet at the Victoria ground and the result of this match may have an important bearing on the final positions at the bottom of the league.

TEAMS

In their match against K.C.C. on tomorrow at King's Park, Indian R.C. will be represented by: A.R. Minu, A.R. Abbas, A.R. Kitchell, S.H. Khan, S.K. Khan, K. Nazim, A. E. Aroull, J. M. Razack, A. Abd Ibrahim, Tahir Ibrahim and S.A. Ismail (Capt.).

The following are to represent C.C.C. against University XI at 2 p.m. tomorrow at Happy Valley: S. Choy, R. R. Francis, R. Tay, W. Hong Silig, K. Y. Tam, A. H. Ismail, E. H. Esmail, T. Crabtree, L. Wong, B. S. Chawla.

The following will represent Club 2nd Eleven against South China on Sunday at Caroline Hill. Kick off 3.30 p.m.: Cowalker, Taylor, Strange, McKay, Ritchie, Kennard, Gardner, Gaffney, Fowler, Urquhart and Barker. Reserves—McCaig, Hamley.

Results

London, Mar. 17.
Rugby League matches: Swinton 2 Wigan 12; Warrington 45 Featherstone Rovers 2. — Reuter.

London, Mar. 17.
Football matches played today: Inter-League matches: West Ham 1 Tottenham 1; Tottenham 1 Manchester United 1; Tottenham 1 Manchester United 1; Tottenham 1 Manchester United 1. — Reuter.

MARSMAN'S FRUSTRATED BY THE COURSE OF EVENTS

CBS WIN FOR THE LAST TIME

The Central British School won the Governor's Shield at the inter-school sports yesterday for the last time, according to Mr. J. H. Marmann, who presided at the sixth ordinary general meeting of Messrs. Marmann (Hong Kong, China) Limited yesterday.

The events of the last ten years have frustrated our plans for carrying out the programme in connection with mining and engineering projects in China," said Mr. J. H. Marmann, who presided at the sixth ordinary general meeting of Messrs. Marmann (Hong Kong, China) Limited yesterday.

Directors present were Messrs. J. H. Marmann (Chairman), T. B. Wilson, N. D. Teters, E. R. Hill and W. Rawitz.

Mr. Marmann said: "The year's result, the loss of 213,133, is disappointing. Your Company was primarily organized to carry out mining and engineering projects in China. The events of the last ten years have frustrated the carrying out of this programme. We therefore concentrated our efforts on Hong Kong and the results of the year preceding the Pacific War, in spite of abnormal conditions, were encouraging."

"The post-war period offered an immediate opportunity in merchandising. The past experience and connections of your Company were limited to certain special lines. Prior to the war your Company conducted a sizeable business in metal trading. Post-war trading in these commodities was restricted. Nevertheless, the results of our efforts have been gratifying as reflected in the Profit and Loss Account which shows £11,800 profit."

"Your Company is technically and materially equipped to undertake heavy engineering construction projects. The past year has shown little activity in the Colony in this type of construction. In the interim the Directors of your Company decided to enter into rehabilitation work on housing. At a time when building supplies and skilled artisans were still scarce and well below pre-war standards, your Company undertook this ungrateful task."

"I regret to state that our first trials in this direction have proved a failure. The manager of this Department responsible for the above commitments, has been retired. The work has been completed under a new management and an earnest endeavour was made to satisfy our clients. It is regrettable that the completion of commitments caused the Company an appreciable loss. To the owners of these residences I herewith tender my apologies for the inconveniences they suffered. In justice to the present staff of this department I am satisfied that the best under the circumstances was done to fulfil our commitments."

Philippine Mines
"Your Company has considerable investment in Philippine mining companies, all of which paid good dividends up to the outbreak of the war. Upon liberation in May, 1945, the properties were found badly damaged."

"Post-war activities at the mines in which a portion of your Company's money is invested, consisted of salvaging, guarding and maintaining the necessary machinery and equipment. Exhaustive studies have been made of the possibility of resuming operations under present conditions. Unfortunately, the prevailing high cost of labour and the increased price of supplies make impossible the profitable operation at this time of any of these properties. Under the circumstances, it will be necessary to wait until operations become more favourable or a marked increase in the price of gold is established."

"As to the Sumatra mines operated by Marmann's Algemeene Exploitant Maatschappij, I wish to give you the following information: The above Company operated the Mangani Mine, a gold and silver lode operation with a capacity of 180 tons per day and also the Achei Placer property with two 6 cu. ft. bucket dredges. Both properties were in full operation in 1941 at the time of the Japanese invasion."

"Since the termination of hostilities fragmentary reports from surviving executives in Sumatra indicate that losses and damages are very extensive. The abnormal conditions still existing in the Netherlands East Indies have made it impossible to carry out special surveys of the mines and placer properties. Unfortunately, the Japanese have been unable to carry out the necessary work on the mines and placer properties."

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100 Metres (Senior)—1, Ling Keh Kong (L.S.C.); 2, Chan Hok To (S.S.C.); 3, Chan Kwok Tok (W.Y.H.K.); 4, Mow Cheung Wing (L.S.C.). Time 1:17 sec.

Long Jump (Junior)—1, Ling Keh Kong (L.S.C.); 2, Chan Hok To (S.S.C.); 3, Chan Kwok Tok (W.Y.H.K.); 4, Mow Cheung Wing (L.S.C.). Distance 17 ft. 8 in.

Long Jump (Senior)—1, Ling Keh Kong (L.S.C.); 2, Chan Hok To (S.S.C.); 3, Chan Kwok Tok (W.Y.H.K.); 4, Mow Cheung Wing (L.S.C.). Distance 18 ft. 4 in.

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800 Metres (Junior)—1, J. Riddell (L.S.C.); 2, J. Tai (W.Y.H.K.); 3, Lau Yuk Sing (L.S.C.). Time 5 mins. 21-40 sec.

800 Metres (Senior)—1, J. Riddell (L.S.C.); 2, J. Tai (W.Y.H.K.); 3, Lau Yuk Sing (L.S.C.). Time 5 mins. 21-40 sec.

1600 Metres (Junior)—1, J. Riddell (L.S.C.); 2, J. Tai (W.Y.H.K.); 3, Lau Yuk Sing (L.S.C.). Time 11-12 sec.

1600 Metres (Senior)—1, J. Riddell (L.S.C.); 2, J. Tai (W.Y.H.K.); 3, Lau Yuk Sing (L.S.C.). Time 11-12 sec.

3200 Metres (Junior)—1, J. Riddell (L.S.C.); 2, J. Tai (W.Y.H.K.); 3, Lau Yuk Sing (L.S.C.). Time 22-23 sec.

3200 Metres (Senior)—1, J. Riddell (L.S.C.); 2, J. Tai (W.Y.H.K.); 3, Lau Yuk Sing (L.S.C.). Time 22-23 sec.

6400 Metres (Junior)—1, J. Riddell (L.S.C.); 2, J. Tai (W.Y.H.K.); 3, Lau Yuk Sing (L.S.C.). Time 44-45 sec.

6400 Metres (Senior)—1, J. Riddell (L.S.C.); 2, J. Tai (W.Y.H.K.); 3, Lau Yuk Sing (L.S.C.). Time 44-45 sec.

12800 Metres (Junior)—1, J. Riddell (L.S.C.); 2, J. Tai (W.Y.H.K.); 3, Lau Yuk Sing (L.S.C.). Time 88-89 sec.

12800 Metres (Senior)—1, J. Riddell (L.S.C.); 2, J. Tai (W.Y.H.K.); 3, Lau Yuk Sing (L.S.C.). Time 88-89 sec.

25600 Metres (Junior)—1, J. Riddell (L.S.C.); 2, J. Tai (W.Y.H.K.); 3, Lau Yuk Sing (L.S.C.). Time 176-177 sec.

25600 Metres (Senior)—1, J. Riddell (L.S.C.); 2, J. Tai (W.Y.H.K.); 3, Lau Yuk Sing (L.S.C.). Time 176-177 sec.

51200 Metres (Junior)—1, J. Riddell (L.S.C.); 2, J. Tai (W.Y.H.K.); 3, Lau Yuk Sing (L.S.C.). Time 352-353 sec.

51200 Metres (Senior)—1, J. Riddell (L.S.C.); 2, J. Tai (W.Y.H.K.); 3, Lau Yuk Sing (L.S.C.). Time 352-353 sec.

102400 Metres (Junior)—1, J. Riddell (L.S.C.); 2, J. Tai (W.Y.H.K.); 3, Lau Yuk Sing (L.S.C.). Time 704-705 sec.

102400 Metres (Senior)—1, J. Riddell (L.S.C.); 2, J. Tai (W.Y.H.K.); 3, Lau Yuk Sing (L.S.C.). Time 704-705 sec.

Badminton

Results of the Men's Doubles league matches played on Monday—Chinese Sanitary Inspectors lost to St. Teresa's "A" 5-6.

Recreo "A" beat University "A" 6-3.

Chung Wah beat St. Teresa's "B" 9-0.

Sing Tao received a walkover from V.R.C.

The match between University "A" and Kowloon Tong was postponed.

Results of the Men's Doubles league matches played on Wednesday—

St. Mary's lost to Sing Tao 4-7.

Kowloon Tong lost to K.C.C. 4-5.

Toller lost to St. Teresa's "A" 6-3.

Recreo "A" beat Kowloon Dock 9-0.

The K.C.C. "B" team has withdrawn from the Men's Doubles league.

ing results, and we are hopeful of obtaining large contracts before long. Our associates in Manila are prepared to put at our disposal heavy construction equipment, their technical experts and skilled operators as will be required in major public utility projects and large scale building operations."

"The Trading Department is maintained in nucleus form, taking cognizance of the difficult situation in China which since last year has intensified rather than cleared up."

"Your Directors recently sold the Company's property in Mataukok at a favourable price. It goes without further saying that strict economy and frugality is being exercised by the present management."

Question
Mr. N.V.A. Croucher asked why US\$14,625 had been paid to a Managing Director who had been absent from duty in the Colony for six months during the year. Also for the eight month period to April 30, 1948, absent for five months, his remuneration was US\$8,000.

The chairman said that the Managing Director, Mr. E. de Vries, who had already retired as Managing Director of the Company, had been in very poor health. He had been in the Colony during the occupation and the remuneration granted him was a sort of bonus.

Messrs. J. H. Marmann and N. D. Teters were re-elected directors for the ensuing year. Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Marsh were re-elected auditors.

Shareholders present were Messrs. A. W. de Broekert, J. J. Gray, L.M.S. Lloyd, R. M. M. N.V.A. Croucher.

Mr. E.S.C. Brooks attended on behalf of Hastings and Company, solicitors for the company.

Mr. Gordon Brown represented Laird Securities and Hollibush Limited.

CLUB v. EASTERN

On their own ground yesterday afternoon, Club drew with Eastern. A heavy pitch made accurate passing and ball control difficult. In a last minute effort to snatch points, Club made some very determined raids.

Club forwards seemed to hesitate in front of goal and allowed Eastern to clear on many occasions. In contrast, the Eastern men were dangerous only in their frequent breakaways—row, assisted by Beck and Ritchie, broke up all attacks and kept Club forwards well. Cotton, in Club goal, had an easy afternoon.

The game opened with both sides playing quite cautiously, getting the feel of the ground. Eastern had a pass slipped through the centre but was ruled offside.

Mullen, in another Club raid, had a good try at goal but Tam Kwun-kon saved neatly and by the ball away. Again the centre forward, Redman, cleverly back-headed the ball but it just went wide.

Tam Kwun-kon was frequently in the picture and his anticipation and placement of the ball were very good. Just before half-time Eastern broke away but at the outside last position, Mullen was tackled and the ball went to the other end and was cleared.

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